

## Important Dates

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:

We warmly invite families to our open classroom event. Parents and carers are welcome to visit their child's classroom from 2:30 to 3:20 pm. This event will take the place of our weekly assembly and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher and explore their learning environment.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:

Whole School Curriculum Day – no students at school

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

School Photo Day



### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Labour Day

Public Holiday – School Closed

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March:

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

Dental Van here

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:

Family Maths Night

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Wednesday

2<sup>nd</sup> April:

5/6 Camp

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:

End of Term 1. Students finish at 1:30pm

## Principal's Newsletter – Welcome to the New School Year

Dear Community,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at St Albans Primary School! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It has been wonderful to see our students return with enthusiasm, ready to learn and reconnect with their friends and teachers. A special welcome to our new families joining the St Albans PS community – we are delighted to have you with us. I would like to also welcome new and returning staff, Liz Jackson 3/4J, Charlie Doukas 3/4 C, Jennifer Ly 5/6L and Kolet Hanna, Education Support Staff.

At the end of last year, one of our students wrote a heartfelt message about our school that I'd love to share with all of you. This message, written by Xavier Parish, perfectly captures the spirit of St Albans Primary School:

*The drawing I made in class, is meant to show how this school allows all types of people, no matter who they might be, how you can be you, and how the people here could be up and down with their behaviour, but there will always be someone who cares about you; whether it's an ES, teacher, principal, staff or a kid, there will always be someone who cares about you here at St Albans Primary School.*



Well said Xavier, I couldn't agree more.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making St Albans PS a great place for our students to learn and grow. I look forward to a fantastic year ahead and working together to support our children's success.

Warm regards,

Lynne Ord-Oraniuk  
Principal

## Prep Students

A warm welcome to our students in Prep and their families. It has been wonderful to see how well they have settled into class and responded to new routines and experiences.



## New School Gate Times

Thank you to all our families for your patience and understanding as we implement our new school gate opening and closing times. These adjustments are in place to ensure a smoother and safer start and finish to the school day. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated, and we will continue to monitor and refine processes as needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## Before School Care Reminder

A friendly reminder that our before-school care program is available for families who need supervision for their children before the school day begins. Supervision is available from 7-9am. Families with Health Care cards are eligible for between 73-90% discount off the cost per session. If you require this service, please ensure that your child is enrolled with OSHClub. Enrolment is free. This program provides a safe and structured environment for students before teacher supervision on the school grounds commences.

## Syringe Safety & Weekly Checks

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe school environment, we are conducting regular syringe checks around the school grounds each week. We also encourage families to speak with their children about the importance of staying alert when out in the community and to never touch or pick up any syringes they may come across. If your child ever finds a syringe, please remind them to notify an adult immediately.

## Community Hub

**Learn English!**  
For Beginners

**When:** Fridays 12-1pm for Pre-Beginners  
Fridays 1-3 pm for Beginners

**February**  
21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Community Room  
St Albans Primary School,  
39 West Esplanade  
93662832

**Free of Charge**  
Childminding provided

Please speak to Hub Leader,  
**Hang Bui** (93662832) if you are interested

**Happy Saplings Playgroup**  
-Let's grow together-

**When:** Fridays 10am-12pm

**Where:** St Albans Primary School,  
39 West Esplanade, St Albans

**FREE of CHARGE**

Please contact Hang Bui

**Term 1, 2025 at ST ALBANS PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB**  
39 West Esplanade, St. Albans, 3021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>One-One/Drop in Parent Support</b> 9-11am (Community Room)	<b>Community Conversations</b> 9-10.30am (Community Room) See Noticeboard	<b>Cooking</b> 10.00am-2.30pm (Community Room) See Noticeboard for dates	<b>AMES</b> Cert III Individual Support Course 9.30am - 2.30pm (Community Room)	<b>Happy Saplings Playgroup</b> 10am - 12pm (School Library)
				<b>English for Beginners</b> 12-3pm (Community Room)



## St Albans Primary School Student Leaders for 2025



Congratulations to our 2025 School Leaders

Last Friday our School Leaders were presented to the St Albans PS community. We wish them well as they lead our school in 2025.

**School Captains:** *Ha Hong and Julie Tuimuk*

**School Vice Captains:** *Victoria Osei-Antobre and Te-Korowai Tuatara*

**Year 5 Representatives:** *Rose Cooper-Kelly and Ricky Vo*

**Red House Captains:** *Andrew Huynh and Jeesaomidah Faauliuli*

**Blue House Captains:** *Anisha Saraswat and Asekhona Bebula*

**Yellow House Captains:** *Tamba Debrah and Manesa Sleiman*

**Green House Captains:** *Awet Yemane and Reuban Liantli*

Congratulations!

## School Swimming Program

We are excited to announce that our annual **School Swimming Program** will take place during the last two weeks of Term 2, starting on **Monday, 23rd June**. This fantastic program will run for 9 days, giving our students the opportunity to improve their swimming and water safety skills.

The program will be held at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, a wonderful facility that provides a safe and supportive environment for our students to learn and enjoy swimming. Lessons will cater to all skill levels, students with no swimming experience are encouraged to attend.

Program Details:

- Start Date: **Monday, 23rd June**
- Duration: **9 days (no lesson on the last day of Term 2)**
- Location: **Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre**



We will be sending more detailed information closer to the end of Term 1, including the cost of the program and any other important details.

School Saving Bonus and Camps, Sports, and Excursion Fund (CSEF) monies can be used to cover the costs of the swimming program, making it more accessible for families.

We look forward to a fantastic time in the pool! More information will be shared soon, so stay tuned. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out

## St Albans Primary School 2025





